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The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) 2001-345426
- 2) 1-239877
- 3) 2004-193170
- 4) 2003-152091
- 5) 6-163823

- 6) 5-291492
- 7) 2000-307061
- 8) 5-109991
- 9) 7-16004
- 10) 11-68051
- 11) 10-270567

References 1) - 11) include an English language abstract. Reference 7) also includes a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the specification at page 6, line 17.

References 1) - 6) were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language International Search Report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609(a)iii, second paragraph.

Please note that reference 3) is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,911,700. Reference 5) is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 5,994,741. Reference 7) is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,265,756. Reference 11) is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,941.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

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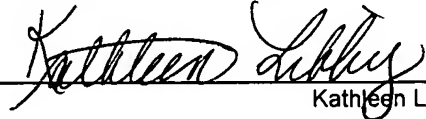
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